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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9246

INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 5990

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, ES, HO

SUBJECT: JET SALE

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2850 AND IR NO 6 829 0024 73

1. EMBASSY UNAWARE ANY GOES INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF ISRAELI JETS.

2. ISRAEL AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES (IAI) CURRENTLY PRODUCES TWIN ENGINE WEST WIND EXECUTIVE JET (FORMER COMMODORE JET) AND TWIN TURBOPROP ENGINE ARAVA STOL AIRCRAFT. IAI HAS BUILD SOME FOUGA MAGISTER JET TRAINERS. SALE OF MIRAGE-TYPE AIRCRAFT IS UNLIKELY AS MIRAGE ARE FRONT LINE ISRAEL AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT. ISRAEL HAS ACTIVELY SOUGHT TO SELL ARAVA IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND RECENTLY SOLD FIVE ARAVA TO MEXICO AND ONE TO NICARAGUA.

3. WE DO NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY ISRAEL MAY EVENTUALLY DESIRE SELL SEVERAL OF ITS FOUGA MAGISTER JET TRAINERS. ISRAELI AF ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING HAS RECENTLY BEEN UPGRADED TO A-4 AIRCRAFT.

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WHILE EL SALVADOR PURCHASE OF ISRAELI-BUILD FRENCH JET TRAINER

WOULD NORMALLY INVOLVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF MAINTENANCE AND SPARE  
PARTS SUPPLY, NEW JOINT ISRAELI/MEXICAN AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PLANT  
PLANNED FOR MEXICO WOULD PROVIDE PROXIMITY TO REPAIR FACILITIES  
AND ISRAELI EXPERTS WHO FAMILIAR WITH THESE AIRCRAFT AND OTHERS  
MENTIONED ABOVE AND ANY ISRAELI MODIFICATIONS. SEE TEL AVIV  
DAO'S IR NO 6 849 0251 73.

4. THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH DEFENSE ATTACHE'S OFFICE.  
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